Arsenic in Ground Water

702. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that eastern Uttar Pradesh, some districts of Bihar and West Bengal are badly affected by presence of arsenic in ground water;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by his Ministry in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps which have been taken to tackle the problem;

(e) whether any fund has been sanctioned for this purpose during last three years till 1st July, 2009; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) As per the report of the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), the presence of, arsenic in ground water has been observed in some parts of eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

(d) The steps taken by the Government include:-

(i) Explorations to find out ground water sources free from contaminants.

(ii) Financial and technical assistance provided to States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)" for provision of safe drinking water to the rural population.

(e) and (f) State-wise and year-wise position of funds released by the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Drinking Water Supply) under ARWSP have been indicated in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise funds released by Ministry of Rural Development for providing safe drinking water

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State	Funds released under submission on Water Quality		Funds released during 2008-09 for Normal Water Quality & Swajaldhara	Funds allocation during 2009-10 for Normal Water Quality & Swajaldhara
		2006-07	2007-08		
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3363.00	4623.00	37767.00	38953.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	51.90	178.00	15486.35	16425.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Assam	3590.39	11517.00	18756.80	27521.00
4.	Bihar	2246.06	15995.00	42538.00	43874.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	753.44	1790.00	12525.50	13452.00
6.	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	410.00
7.	Gujarat	4056.72	9545.00	33893.00	28365.00
8.	Haryana	57.13	78.00	7575.00	10567.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	14082.00	11913.00
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00	39512.00	33783.00
11.	Jharkhand	1951.82	2617.00	8033.00	16572.00
12.	Karnataka	12536.64	14815.00	43627.00	45547.00
13.	Kerala	311.00	2404.00	10697.00	10657.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2250.35	7970.00	37047.00	38210.00
15.	Maharashtra	2633.73	10045.00	64824.49	59055.00
16.	Manipur	4.00	0.00	4522.91	5621.00
17.	Meghalaya	15.00	0.00	6338.00	6424.00
18.	Mizoram	3.00	0.00	5019.26	4599.00
19.	Nagaland	16.00	43.00	4253.00	4745.00
20.	Orissa	1747.22	12303.00	29868.00	30806.00
21.	Punjab	724.67	3185.00	8656.00	8928.00
22.	Rajasthan	20600.00	29243.00	73839.00	83979.00
23.	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	3045.00	1971.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	370.67	1170.00	28782.00	24941.00
25.	Tripura	364.48	1262.00	4100.82	5694.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	4768.80	5309.00	60778.55	55669.00
27.	Uttarakhand	0.00	0.00	8586.83	11096.00
28.	West Bengal	11170.83	18518.00	38939.00	40162.00
	TOTAL :	73566.85	152610.00	663092.51	679939.00

Water Crisis in Country

703. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cities and towns are facing water crisis in the country; and